



CGOA 2013 Design Competition Information

Deadline September 6, 2013

This is the information package for 2013. Please read. The link to the separate electronic entry form will be posted in late August 2013.

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all current CGOA members, at all membership levels, excluding judges. Entries must be primarily crocheted. Other fiber, needle and crafting arts may be incorporated in your design, but the overall impression must be crochet. Any materials may be used.

Entries must be original designs that have not been previously entered in this competition, previously published in any print or electronic media, or otherwise publicly available before the date of competition (*our judges need to have never seen this work before*). Entries do not have to be new or recently crocheted, as long as they are your own designs.

DESIGN CATEGORIES

There will be six judging categories:

1. Fashion: garments fitted to the body, including sweaters, tops, jackets, skirts, gowns and dresses.
2. Accessories: larger fashion accessories not fitted to the body, including wraps, shawls, and capes.
3. Small Accessories: anything small scale, socks, scarves, cowls, hats, bags, belts and jewelry.
4. Afghans and Home Decor: any and all afghans, throws, blankets and bed or sofa covers and any décor items not in thread.
5. Thread Crochet: anything made with crochet thread or lace/fine weight yarns, including doilies, baby items, garments and accessories.
6. Artistic Expressions: designs more artistic rather than functional in nature, including free-form and mixed media pieces, hangings, sculpture, wearable art, amigurumi and novelty items.

Please decide which category *best* describes your entry. If you are unsure of the category, do not worry, entries may be shifted to the most appropriate category at the discretion of the committee/judges. If your entry is an ensemble or grouping, please include no more than three individual elements or pieces per single entry. You may submit as many entries in as many categories as you like.

FEES

A \$15 fee is required for the first entry plus \$10 for each additional separate entry (make one check for all entries payable to CGOA). Entry fees cover return shipping, but you are responsible for the cost of shipping your design to the receiving location by the deadline, September 6, 2013.

JUDGING

All entries will be evaluated by a panel of three impartial judges across a range of qualities including: design appeal, use of stitches, color, selection of materials, workmanship, finishing, appearance and functionality as indicated. Judging will take place on location at the CGOA Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 2, 2013.

AWARDS

Winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony on October 3, 2013. You do not have to be present to enter or to win. We have thousands of dollars in cash awards thanks to our generous sponsors, including as of this writing: Designing Vashti, Red Heart, Tulip Company and WEBS.



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One Grand Prize will be awarded, plus \$300 First Prize, \$200 Second Prize and \$100 Third Prize in each category, along with special prizes including the [DesigningVashti](#) \$200 Special Technique Award for outstanding use of alternate crochet techniques and construction (including Tunisian, Broomstick and Hairpin) \$100 Peoples' Choice Award (to be chosen on site by attendee voting). Cash prizes may be awarded in the form of checks mailed to the winners following the event.

ENTRY FORMS

The electronic entry form will be available and the link posted in late August 2013. It will be online at the CGOA website (www.crochet.org) and at the CGOA Now blog (<http://cgoanow.blogspot.com/>). **Please wait to submit a form until you are completely prepared to ship your entry.** Follow the link to view the entry form, fill in the required fields, then click submit. A few minutes after you hit send, you should receive a confirmation e-mail for each entry you complete. Please save and print out a copy of each confirmation e-mail to send with your design. Submit a separate entry form for each design entry.

PREPARING YOUR DESIGN

Written patterns are NOT required. Yarn, hook, stitch, technique and gauge information is optional, and may be written into the design description box of your entry form. Items must be clean and fragrance/odor free.

DO NOT sew or otherwise permanently attach any identification on your entry. Please use a removable hang tag or other small form of ID tied or pinned securely to each piece, with your name and title of design clearly printed on each tag.

SENDING YOUR DESIGN

You may ship multiple entries in one package. Package size is limited to the dimension restrictions of the USPS, and weight must be less than 20 pounds. Entries must be shipped to the receiving location, to arrive no sooner than August 26, 2013 and no later than September 6, 2013, so please plan accordingly. Late entries may be excluded from the competition. Entries will **not** be accepted at the conference site. All entries will be treated with the utmost respect and care.

SHIPPING CHECKLIST:

- Design sample, each piece of a group or ensemble and each separate design entry ID tagged
- Print out of email confirmation message for each separate design entry
- One check, covering all fees.

SHIP TO:

Doris Chan
28 North Valentine Drive
Garnet Valley, PA 19060
E-mail contact for shipping purposes:
crochetdesigner@comcast.net

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is September 6, 2013!

GETTING YOUR STUFF BACK

All entries will be on display during the conference. Those attending the conference may pick up entries from the display on Sunday, October 6, 2013 or earlier by prior arrangement with the competition committee. Proper identification may be requested for signing out entries.

Otherwise, entries will be returned to the address you list on your entry form, as soon after the competition as feasible. Tracking information will be provided if you include your e-mail address.



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DESIGNER AGREEMENT

By entering this competition, you agree:

- You are a current member of CGOA in good standing.
- Your entry is your own original work, not previously entered in this competition nor previously published in any electronic or print media, or otherwise publicly available before October 3, 2013.
- Your name and likeness and any images of your entry may be used during and after the event for purposes of information and promotion.
- Winning garments may be modeled for photography and shown during the Awards Ceremony and also in the CGOA Fashion Show as needed.
- You do not hold CGOA, this committee, Offinger Management or the event venue responsible for any accidental or incidental wear or damage to your entry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competition entries are not automatically entered in the CGOA Fashion Show, although the winning garments may be shown as part of the event. Generally, only banquet attendees may enter pieces in the fashion show using the entry form included in event registration materials. However, special arrangements can be made if done in advance. If you can't attend that evening, but wish to have your design included in the fashion show, please fill out a separate fashion show entry form available through www.crochet.org. To keep this committee in the loop, anyone with garments that must be transported from the competition display to the fashion show please make a note of this in the "Comments" box of your competition entry form.

If you have questions concerning any of this, please E-mail crochetdesigner@comcast.net.

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